

**City of Alexandria**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 24, 2023 - 6:00 PM**  
**City Council Legislative Meeting**

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Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Amy B. Jackson, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, Sarah R. Bagley, John Taylor Chapman, Alyia Gaskins and R. Kirk McPike.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Mr. Wicks, Budget Analyst; Mr. Moorer, Assistant Director of Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Taylor, Legislative Director; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Page, Assistant Director of Finance; Ms. Castañeda, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Suehr, Project Implementation Director, Public Works Division Chief; Ms. Orr, Deputy Director of Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Spengler, Recreation Director; Mr. McPike, General Services Director; Mr. Chozick, Applications Division Chief; Ms. Wedeles, Strategic Initiative Officer; Ms. Brown, Youth Support Network; Ms. Kadena; Ms. Williams, Assistant Planning Director; Ms. McIlvaine, Office of Housing Director; Ms. Lee, Environmental Program Manager; Ms. Flemming, Office of Communications and Community Engagement Director; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Assistant Police Chief McDonald; Officer Worth, Alexandria Police; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Keia Waters, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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**I. OPENING MATTERS**

**1. Calling the Roll.**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and the Deputy City Clerk called the roll. All the members of City Council were present, with Vice Mayor Jackson arriving at 6:11 p.m. during Closed Session, and Councilwomen Gaskins attending via Zoom webinar.

**2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution by members by City Council.  
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the following resolution regarding Electronic Participation by Councilwoman Gaskins:

**Resolution No. 3190**

**Resolution Regarding Electronic Participation by a Member of City Council**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2 provides that an individual member of a public

body may fully participate in meetings electronically if any such member meets the criteria of the code and the public body has adopted an Electronic Meeting Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council adopted an Electronic Participation Policy on June 22, 2021 as Resolution No. 3011; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Member Alyia Gaskins notified the Mayor and the Clerk that she is unavailable to be physically present for the October 24, 2023 City Council Meeting due to a personal matter, specifically travel for work, and

**WHEREAS** the Council Member has not participated in more than two or 25% of City Council Meetings by electronic means during this calendar year; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council Member will participate in the City Council Meeting by Zoom Video Conference Call from Detroit, and arrangements have been made to ensure the member shall be heard by all participants at the City Council Meeting; and

**WHEREAS** a quorum of the City Council is physically assembled in person.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

That pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3708 and the City Council's Electronic Meeting Policy Resolution 3011, City Council Member Alyia Gaskins will participate remotely in this meeting by video conference call.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; and Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson.

(A copy of the resolution is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 2; 10/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**3. Closed Session**

Executive Session - Consideration of a Closed Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, and the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, and the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, specifically,

consideration of candidates for the City Attorney position, and a corporate headquarters, and associated uses, considering relocating to the City, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(1), (A)(5), and (A)(6) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; and Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:02 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

#### **4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

City Council observed a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **5. Reading and Acting Upon the Following Meetings of City Council:**

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023;  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2023; and  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes for the following meetings of City Council: the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023; the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2023; and the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

#### **Proclamations and Recognitions**

#### **6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Red Ribbon Week in the City of Alexandria.**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

#### **7. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

#### **8. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing World Polio Day.**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

9. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing Urban Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability Month.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

## **II. ORAL REPORTS**

### **City Council on Boards, Commissions and Committees**

#### **\*Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson noted the board discussed the dues and will be finalizing the amount after population corrections are made. Mayor Wilson noted they were awarded the next round of Housing Affordability Planning Program grants.

#### **\*Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson noted the board reallocated unused money, and some will be going to Mount Vernon north for pedestrian improvements. Mayor Wilson noted the board received updates from Virginia Railway Express, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority and the proposed changes to Smart Scale.

#### **\*Library Board (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre highlighted the board was in a good financial position, they had a review of the director and discussed maintenance issues.

#### **\*COG Transportation Planning Board (TPB) (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre noted a discussion on the intercity bus and what that looks like in the future. Councilman Aguirre expressed disappointment in the VDOT presentation received on the state of the carbon footprint.

#### **\*Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force (Councilman Aguirre and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilwoman Gaskins highlighted a presentation on the mentoring partnership, telehealth, and safe spaces to be connected to meaningful programming.

**\*Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) (Councilmember Bagley and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilmember Bagley noted the board received several; presentation and discussed the need for safe spaces, teen nights, out of school time initiatives, and the landscape study. Councilmember Bagley note that there will be a budget letter coming soon and the board signed off on their legislative package.

**\*Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) (Councilmember Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilmember Bagley noted the board has continued to discuss the 2023-2026 Action Plan, with a focus on youth development, Latino outreach, and immigrant group outreach. Councilmember Bagley noted a discussion on the Wrap-Up Alexandria Campaign launch to provide free condom to the community.

**\*Waterfront Commission (Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley acknowledged Chairman Steven Thayer for his 10 years of service on the Waterfront Commission. Councilmember Bagley noted the board is preparing their budget letter.

**\*Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley noted a discussion of the long-term 2050 plan and the budget, to include Saturday service. Councilmember Bagley noted the current funding model needs revision and changes are in progress but there is more work to be done.

**City Schools Subcommittee**

Mayor Wilson reported the board received updates legislative package, collective bargaining, city engagement. Mayor Wilson noted a presentation from NOVA Community College regarding the great work they are doing, partnerships with ACPS, and efforts to fill staffing positions. Mayor Wilson noted an update regrading the School Board's discuss around potential changes to how the School Board is constituted.

Councilman Chapman highlighted the NOVA Community College presentation and the opportunities for creating pipelines for ACPS students and city employees. Councilman Chapmen also noted a discuss around housing/dorm issues at the college. Councilman reported on the discussion around the topic of staggered terms. Councilman Chapman noted the potential need for an ACPS Foundation to support the school district.

Vice Mayor Jackson noted her focus in the community is to the safety of kids in school and is concerned about the focus placed on the issue of staggered terms when there are other pressing issues. Councilman Chapman and Councilman Aguirre agreed with comments made by the Vice Mayor.

**Oral Report from the City Manager**

City Manager Parajon noted the city was awarded the 2023 Digital Government Award and acknowledged Kim Hurley, Racial Equity Manager, and staff for their hard work.

**10.** City Council Work Session regarding City Capital Projects under Consideration in the upcoming FY 2025 to FY 2034 Capital Improvement Program.

City Council received as information the presentation regarding City Capital Projects under consideration in the upcoming FY 2025 to FY 2034 Capital Improvement Program.

### **III. ACTION DOCKET**

#### **Regular Consent Calendar (11-16)**

**11.** Consideration of a Grant Application to the National Association of County and City Health Officials to Support Community Engagement in the Formulation of Local Public Health Responses to Increased Early Syphilis in the City.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 10/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**12.** Release of Out of School Time FY 2023 Contingent Reserves to Support the Youth Support Network.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 10/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**13.** Consideration of a City Application through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for a U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development "Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing" Grant.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 10/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**14.** Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice Services Youth Violence & Substance Use Prevention Mentoring Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 10/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**15.** Receipt of Annual and Attendance Report for Council Appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

(A copy of the City Clerk's memorandum dated October 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 10/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Consideration of Authorization to the City Manager to Enter into a Support Agreement in Connection with a Bond to be obtained by the Industrial Development Authority for Certain Economic Development Activities.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 10/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar items 11,14, and 16, items 12-13, and 15, were acted upon on separate votes. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

11. City Council reapproved the submission of a grant application to National Association of County and Health Officials for \$150,000: and (2) Authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents may be required.

14. City Council approved an application for up to \$160,000 in grant funding, with no City match, from Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services: and authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

16. City Council: (1) Authorized the City Manager to execute a Support Agreement , in substantial conformance with attachment to this memorandum (Attachment 1, in connection with a bond to be obtained by IDA for the purpose of financing a portion of the build out cost to relocate and retain the Art League headquarters within the City of Alexandria; (2) Directed the City Manager to include for City Council consideration the FY 2024 amortization backstop amount in the Fall Supplement Appropriation, which will be presented to City Council in December 2023 for approval: and (3) Directed City Manager to include for City Council consideration an appropriation equal to amortization schedule as a part of annual budget and appropriation process during the loan repayment period.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar item 12. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

12. City Council allocated FY23 Contingent Reserves in the amount of \$340, 000 to be transferred to ACT for Alexandria which will manage the development of a program locator and youth Program Quality Pilot, in partnership with the Weikart Center for Program Quality.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman

Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar item 13. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

13. City Council approved submission of the proposed City grant application; (2) Authorize the City Manager to review the grant agreement and execute such documents as required to enable the City to accept the funding for the purpose proposed in the application to Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar item 15. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

15. City Council received the reports from Council appointed boards, commissions, and committees from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. The request also includes consideration of removal of members who have not met the 75% meeting attendance requirement.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

#### **Roll-Call Consent Calendar (17-19)**

17. Consideration of a Resolution Approving \$28.5 million Grant Applications for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs for the Commonwealth Ashby Glebe Flood Mitigation Project. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 10/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund Program to develop a Flood Resilience Plan. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 10/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

19. Consideration of a Resolution for a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the Mid-Year FY 2024 Application Cycle for the Transportation Ridership Incentive Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 10/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the roll call consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

17. City Council: (1) adopted the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit competitive 75/25 matching grant applications to FEMA for up to \$28.5 million for both the FEMA BRIC and FMA programs for the first phase of the Commonwealth Ashby Glebe (CAG) Flood Mitigation Project; (2) Authorized the City Manager to enter into any agreements that may be required to receive these funds, should the requested allocation be approved, and to provide certification of Council's commitment to fund the City's local share; and (3) Committed to fund its local share of engineering and construction costs.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 3192**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO THE BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES AND FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH, ASHBY, GLEBE FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting applications for hazard mitigation projects that reduce the risks the community faces from disaster and natural hazards under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA): Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Programs through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria's (City's) Commonwealth, Ashby, Glebe Flood Mitigation Project ("Project") is eligible for the FEMA grant funding pursuant to the Act's guidelines and published eligibility guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria wishes to authorize the development and submission of grant applications pursuant to Program requirements for construction of the first phase of the Project for a FY 2023 grant award and allocation up to \$28,500,000 or 75% of the estimated \$38 million for construction of the Project's first phase; and

**WHEREAS**, the FEMA requires a grant applicant to provide a resolution adopted by the applicant's governing body designating an authorized representative to submit funding applications and execute an agreement with the FEMA for grants (the "Grant Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, this Council wishes to authorize the City Manager of the City to file the applications with the FEMA and to sign such Grant Agreements, and any amendment thereto and other required documents, on behalf of the City; and

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, as follows:**

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager (the "Authorized Representative") or designee to develop, sign and submit on behalf of the

City, grant applications for financing agreements from the FY 2023 HMA BRIC and FMA grants for the construction of the Project's first phase; and

2. Authorizes the Authorized Representative or designee to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the financial assistance applications including executing financial assistance agreements from the FEMA and any amendments or changes thereto; and

3. Authorizes the City Manager to submit this resolution and enter into any agreements that may be required to receive these funds should the requested grant allocation be approved; and

4. Authorizes City Manager to represent the City in carrying out the City's responsibilities under the financing agreement, including certifying disbursement request on behalf of the Entity and compliance with applicable state and federal laws; and

5. The City Council commits to fund its local share of engineering and construction costs of the Project.

18. City Council: (1) Approved the attached resolution to support a Round 4 Virginia Community Flood Preparedness (CFPF) grant application; and (2) Authorized the City Manager to submit the grant application and enter into any agreements that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation approved.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 3195**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A FLOOD RESILIENCE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to apply for an allocation of funds from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) of up to \$525,000 for the Round 4 Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) grant; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$525,000 through the DCR CFPF grant program.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

That the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia:

1. Endorses this application for an allocation of \$525,000 through the Round 4 Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) grant.

2. Grants authority for the City Manager to execute project administration agreements for any approved revenue sharing projects.

3. Commits to fund its local share of the development of the Flood Resilience Plan in accordance with the cost estimate.

19. City Council approved a Resolution (Attachment 1) supporting the TRIP application or up to \$544, 000 for passenger amenities through the Transit Ridership Incentive Program, and commit any local funds required: and (2) Authorized the City Manager to apply for the TRIP grant and enter into any agreements with DRPT to accept and implement the grants.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 3193**

#### **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, as part of HB 1414 the 2020 Virginia General Assembly established the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP), the purpose of which is to provide funding to transit agencies to improve the regional connectivity of urban areas and increase statewide ridership by supporting the development of zero and subsidized fare programs; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, the General Assembly approved HB2338/SB1325 identifying two new eligible project categories: TRIP Public Safety and TRIP Passenger Amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of TRIP's Passenger Amenities component is to increase a transit system's ridership, accessibility, and equity by deploying improved passenger amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, if awarded the full amount of \$544,000 through the TRIP program, the City of Alexandria commits \$256,000 in local support in FY 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, this application advances Strategy 4 in the Alexandria Mobility Plan Transit Chapter to "Improve the rider experience from trip planning, to accessing the stop, riding the bus, and arriving at the destination;" and

**WHEREAS**, the City recently established a Transportation Management Program fund, funded by private development, that could be a potential source of funding for the required local match.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the grant application for up to \$544,000 for passenger amenities through the Transit Ridership Incentive Program, and commit any local funds required; and

2. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

#### **IV. ACTION MATTERS**

## **Action Recommendations from the City Manager**

20. Consideration of updates to the Flood Mitigation Pilot Grant Program.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously, City Council to approve the Action Recommendations from the City Manager to (1) Remove the requirements to provide documentation of past flooding back to July 8, 2019 and allow all properties at risk of flooding to be eligible to apply for the grants regardless of whether the property flooded in the past; and (2) Approved the framework that increase the maximum allowable grant match for eligible flood mitigation measures on common areas from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

21. 2023 City Council Priorities Initiatives Updates.

City Council received updates on the COVID -19, Housing, Youth and Families, and Community Engagement, Economic Development, and Compensation Philosophy Business Plan.

### **Resolutions**

**None.**

### **Ordinances**

**None.**

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **22. Oral Reports and Presentations by Members of Council**

City Council received updates from the Alexandria Police Department regarding the safety concerns at Seminary Road and West of Beauregard Street.

1. Councilman Aguirre reported that he stopped by Ms. Porterfield's class to read to 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
2. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Change Maker Awards Ceremony.
3. Councilman Aguirre acknowledged staff for their hard work during National Hispanic Heritage Month.
4. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Youth Support Network Landscape Study and the need to provide more opportunities for youth on the far west end.
5. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended groundbreaking for the affordable housing complex, Sansé and Naja.

6. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the WMATA meet and greet with the General Manager at the King Street Metro.

7. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Living Legends Awards.

8. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Beautification Awards

9. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the NVTC subcommittee meeting and highlighted the budget conversation and the need for the state to step in and assist.

10. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the City's Town Hall.

11. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Alfred Street Trunk or Treat as a hotdog.

12. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Taylor Run Citizens Association event.

13. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spooky Mad Science Expo.

14. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alexandria's NAACP.

15. Councilman Aguirre voiced a concern for the City Schools Subcommittee to address regarding an issue on ACPS working relationships and reputations with potential partnerships.

16. Councilman Chapman concurred with Councilman Aguirre on his concerns regarding the issues with ACPS working relationships.

17. Councilman Chapman noted that there will be a plaque dedication for Lois Walker at the Alexandria Union Station on Sunday, October 29, 2023.

18. Councilmen Chapman noted that he would be asking staff to look into the cost of Sister City signage similar to the one in Norfolk, VA.

19. Councilman Chapman noted for staff to address the downed City entryway signs.

20. Councilman Bagley requested looking at the signage along the trails.

21. Vice Mayor Jackson acknowledged and congratulated the ALX Community and VIP magazine on their fundraiser.

22. Vice Mayor congratulated the Alexandria Choral Society on a great concert.

**23.** Consideration of City Council Calendar.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 10/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council to approve City Council Schedule with updates. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

**24. Closed Session (if needed)**

**VI. ADJOURN.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 7-0, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of October 24, 2023 at 11:42 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

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JUSTIN M. WILSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Keia Waters, CMC, Deputy City Clerk